

American style developed that reflected the melting pot musical talents of the many immigrants who came to this country.

Like many polka lovers, Benny was introduced to the music at an early age and quickly developed a passion for it. During his school years, Benny played for weddings, dances, house parties and at many other functions. He was drafted into the army at eighteen and during his enlistment he joined a band called the Drifters. Once back home, Benny went on to play for the Golden Stars and most recently in the Polka Music Sound. Many polka fans have come to know Benny through bus trips he has organized throughout Michigan and Ohio for the promotion of polka music. He also hosts polka dances and is a part-time disc jockey for WKJC-FM in Tawas City.

For Benny and others, polka is more than just a type of music, it is a lifestyle that represents a culture and a warmth of spirit that attracts people from all over the world. Polka fans have their own language, with words such as "tubs" to describe a drum set or "boxman" to describe a concertina or accordion player. Benny has earned a reputation not only as a fine musician, but as someone who honors the customs and traditions of polka music so that future generations also will be able to enjoy it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Benny Prill on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor. As a keeper of the polka flame, Benny will ensure that good music and lively dancing will live on for many years and I am confident that he will find even more ways of providing venues for all to enjoy the melodic energy of the polka.

#### HONORING MARVIN GREENBERG

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2001*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. A man who served his country proudly, and a man who displayed immeasurable love for his work, his community, his life, and his family. It brings me great sadness to report that Marvin Greenberg of Plantation, Florida, passed away on September 24, 2001 at the age of 81.

Marvin Greenberg was born in Brooklyn, New York, where he was raised and attended high school. Upon graduation, he began what was to become a very long, meaningful life as a contributor to both his country and community in a variety of ways.

Before matriculating to college, Marvin was called upon by his country to serve in World War II. As a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, Marvin bravely commanded a tank battalion in the European Theatre. For the unwavering valor he showed in battle, Marvin was awarded both the Silver Star Medal and a Purple Heart with two clusters, a testament to his willingness to sacrifice himself for the freedom of our nation.

After returning home from Europe, Marvin attended Pace College and graduated with an accounting degree. Marvin went on to work as a production manager for a Brooklyn-based

company, and later became a successful national sales representative for a security company.

In 1983, Marvin moved to Plantation, Florida, where he would remain throughout the rest of his life. It was in Plantation where Marvin became an indispensable member of the community, becoming an avid advocate for those in his condominium community and within the city of Plantation as a whole. Passionate about the importance of equality, Marvin became a frequent visitor before the city council, where he argued for causes including housing, loans, and traffic safety. Marvin would join the Lauderdale West Democratic Club, where he was an active member of the Board for eight years and served dutifully as the President for four. Above all else, Marvin made certain that everyone had a voice, and that it was heard.

Mr. Speaker, Marvin Greenberg was both well-loved and widely respected by all those blessed to have known him. He is survived by his wife, Lee, his brother Irwin, his three children, Phil, Paula, and Ricki, and by his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Marvin selflessly served his country and his family was a source of admiration and great pride. Today we celebrate Marvin's life, which serves as a wonderful example to all who follow in his footsteps.

#### LIMITATION ON PER COUNTRY SHARE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

SPEECH OF

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 24, 2001*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

In May, the House passed legislation, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act that authorized both the release of the \$582 million and a third installment of \$244 million. However, two weeks before the House considered the bill, the United States was removed from the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. The House responded by adopting an amendment conditioning the third installment on the U.S. return to the commission. This legislation repeals that amendment and reschedules the untimely repayment of our U.N. dues.

As a delegate of the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on Human Rights, Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "Without the United Nations our country would walk alone, ruled by fear instead of confidence and hope." I believe that the American people want to walk in confidence with the U.N.

The majority of Americans consistently show a readiness to pay U.N. dues in full. Most recently a Zogby poll found that 62 percent of Americans believe that we should pay our delinquent dues. Another poll showed that 53 percent of Americans believe that the U.S. should not hold back dues as a means of pressuring the U.N.

It's regrettable that the U.S. lost its seat on the Human Rights Commission but I firmly believe there will never be an appropriate venue for this country to deny its responsibility. Instead of disengaging ourselves from the U.N.,

I believe that we should do just the opposite and support it with all our vigor.

I'm proud to support this legislation and I will continue to do all that I can to support full payment of our Nation's U.N. dues.

#### TASK FORCE ON MENTORING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2001*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and to express my appreciation for the Montgomery County Task Force on Mentoring on its 10th anniversary. In late 1991, after completing a study, the Montgomery County Human Relations Commission concluded that a broad and determined mentoring program could vastly improve the current situations of the County's young males. Following a September 28, 1991 conference titled "Black Males in Crisis—Is Mentoring a Solution?" the Task Force was founded on December 16, 1991.

Functioning under the core belief, as stated by Jonathan Alter, Senior Editor of Newsweek, that, "no one succeeds in America without some kind of mentor—a parent, teacher, coach, older friend—to offer guidance along the way," the task force has grown into an umbrella organization for dozens of non-profit organizations providing mentorships for high risk youths. Annually the task force helps a significant number of children and young adults within Montgomery County.

Another of the Task Force's core beliefs: "reaching out together as a united community, we will make a difference," should become a mantra for all Americans. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Montgomery County Task Force on Mentoring, for their commitment to improving our community.

My thanks to Mr. John Smith, president of the task force and to all of its members for the outstanding and valuable service they provide to the citizens of Montgomery County.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on August 2, 2001, I introduced HR 2735, "The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2001" to ensure that all motoring consumers have the freedom of choice of where, how and by whom to have their vehicles repaired, maintained and to choose the parts of their choice. I introduced HR 2735 to offer protection to consumers who will suffer from high, non-competitive prices.

But since the introduction of HR 2735, my state of New York and the United States have been changed forever by the devastating attack of September 11th on American lives, our way of life, and our economic foundations. It is now more important than ever for the passage of HR 2735, which will bring economic relief to consumers and small business.